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Howard (Dick),

Rtd last night from extended trip to Memphis with detour on way home for rather worthwhile side interview with you can guess who. Can't explain or detail, and time press is not only reason.

Your mailing inc. Specter tape great. I've scanned it and filed all that is relevant under Specter. When I can I'll rewind and put reel aside for you. Costs as much to mail them as to buy them.

This trip only one witness declined to be taped, Canipe, so I spent most time with him with a witness and it was great. All others were cooperative and not one I saw not credible. This is more overwhelming than anything in the past. I've got them all nailed to the bulkhead and there is no reasonable (even possible) doubt about intent.

The accused was not at the scene, I can prove that he left before the event, know where he was, have witnesses who can't be doubted that Stephens not only did not see anything but couldn't and much more.

Not enough copies to send Dick long ltr to legislator who proposes hearing, but he can get from HR.

I've much to do by way of notes and had an entire day of ltr writing without having read what came in when I was away.

On only one day did I look at a paper, Saturday (after we lost the predetermined hrg. Friday). Bud's presentation was excellent. The decision was so excessive in the long run it will be a victory.

If you hear further from Ali (thanks) or his secretary, I'd like to invite him to hear some of the tapes of my interviews.

Not one black person had a harsh thing to say of Ray, nor did any racist white believe the story. I have never seen such unanimity of opinion on antyhing. Everyone disbelieves, all think Ray was framed. So much so that when I put out the word I'd like to talk to one witness he came right to the motel!

Thanks,